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SUBJECT: FAO WORKING PARTY ON RESTRUCTURING OF FAO COUNCIL

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1. AGREE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD OPPOSE INCREASING FAO COUNCIL TO 52 REPEAT 52 MEMBERS. INCREASE OF THIS MAGNITUDE WOULD FURTHER LIMIT COUNCIL'S ABILITY TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY. FACT THAT COUNCIL HAS HAD TO ESTABLISH A VARIETY OF NEW COMMITTEES IN RECENT YEARS IN ORDER TO CONDUCT ANY REAL REVIEW AND PLANNING OF PROGRAMS IS IN PART A RESULT OF CONTINUOUS EXPANSION AND REDUCED EFFECTIVENESS.

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2. PROLIFERATION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES HAS PLACED OBVIOUS STRAIN ON SECRETARIAT AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WHICH WOULD IN NO WAY BE EASED BY ADDITIONAL INCREASE IN MEMBERS. IN OUR VIEW WHOLE PURPOSE OF COUNCIL WOULD BECOME QUESTION-ABLE AND MEMBERS MIGHT BE FORCED TO CONSIDER OTHER ALTER-NATIVES SUCH AS AN ANNUAL RATHER THAN BIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

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3. PAST AND PRESENT PRACTICES AND PROPOSED NEW APPROACH TO ELECTING FAO DIRECTORS-GENERAL ALL REFLECT INITIATIVES OF INCUMBENTS. LATEST PROPOSAL WARRANTS CLOSE STUDY. SHOULD DECISION BE TO PROVIDE FOR REELECTION, CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO AMENDING TERM OF OFFICE. ON QUICK LOOK PROCEDURE TO HAVE COUNCIL SELECT NOMINEE FOR CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION APPEARS HAVE CONSIDERABLE MERIT.
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